

ROCKEFELLER GETTING OUT

Taking His Money Out of
Standard Oil Company.

CRASH IS LOOKED FOR
Decrease in Supply of Oil
Means Ruin to People.

Does John D. Rockefeller force the
end of the Standard Oil Trust?

For a year or more he has been shopping
his financial interests as though such a
prospective were in view, declares the New
York World.

He has thrown his enormous surplus
wealth into railroads. He has correlated
the most powerful bank in the country.
He has reached out for electric lighting
of this city. Every day he is grasping
more railroads, more trusts, more busi-
ness enterprises.

And simultaneously with all these great
financial transactions come the declara-
tions of geologists that the oil fields of
Pennsylvania and Ohio are being worked
out, and that Texas districts cannot last
many years longer.

With this warning from the experts in
view the Standard Oil Trust a few days
ago advanced the price of oil 5 cents a
barrel.

There were, it is said, two purposes for
this advance. The first was to get every
dollar from the consumers while the supply
of oil lasts.

The second was to cause producers to
bend every energy toward discovery of
new oil pools.

It is an indisputable fact that oil pro-
duction in Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania,
and West Virginia has been steadily de-
creasing for two years.

Throughout the entire oil regions there
are black and dismantled hulks of life-
less wells, the skeletons of fat properties
sucked dry and abandoned by the oil
occupants. Dynamite torpedoes will not
cause them to render up half a dozen
barrels of oil. They are dead and de-
serted.

It is only a question of a few genera-
tions, according to scientists, when the
natural oils will all be drained from the
earth, and the product remaining below
the surface will not be mining for oil.

For a while the oil wells at Beaumont,
Tex., seemed to raise the hopes of the
Standard Oil Trust. It had reached out
for the oil fields and grasped so many prop-
erties that it found no difficulty in buying
all in the new Texas district.

But the fields of Beaumont also threat-
en to collapse in time, and the oil occupa-
nts have received small encouragement from
the conditions there.

The wells at Beaumont are all included
in an area of eighty acres. Beyond that
area borings for oil seem to have yielded
no results.

Some of the wells yield enormously
at first, but their daily average output
has decreased in an astonishing way.
The question that now interests the Stan-
dard Oil Trust is, How long will the
wells continue to yield a profitable out-
flow in such a small territory? Some-
times as well as gushed at the rate of
25,000 gallons a day for a few weeks, and
after that could be made to yield only
a few hundred gallons a day.

The discovery of the decrease in the
oil supply and the possibility of its total
exhaustion seemed to come to John D.
Rockefeller and his colleagues in the
spring of 1901. At that time the stock
sold at \$2.

Since that time it steadily dropped, with
only a few reactions, until within a year
it reached \$2. Between this point and
now it has since fluctuated.

Another argument for the truth of the
report of the failure of petroleum lies
in the fact that the Standard Oil Com-
pany has been using oil which has been
stored in tanks to be available in cases of
emergency. Petroleum well-diggers have
been prospecting in Pennsylvania, Ohio,
West Virginia, and Ohio, but have not
encountered great success, although several
new wells have been found, which are pro-
ducing largely, but other districts have
dried up entirely.

The fact is the Standard Oil stock is
low very closely held, and the improved
methods of refining will in time make
available much of the petroleum now
found in the new fields in the South-
west. Experiments have been made with
Beaumont oil and California oil, and al-
though not containing as large a per-
centage of naphtha, the oil itself is
cheaper, and if the Standard Oil secures
control of the big wells, the profits from
the sale of oil for fuel purposes will off-
set the shrinkage from the illuminating
oil obtained from the eastern fields.

When the stock sold a year ago at its
high record of \$2, which is nearly 200
points higher than the sale made recently,
considerable stock was disposed
of to outsiders. During this decline much
of this stock which was then distributed
has been bought back by the original
holders, until now there seems to be a
very limited supply abroad.

There is no doubt that even should
the Standard Oil output continue un-
abated Mr. Rockefeller would have some
difficulty in investing his income of
\$100,000 a week safely or profitably.

With \$200,000 a day rolling into his cof-
fers, the problem of safe investment be-
comes a huge nightmare.

Another significant fact which shows
that John D. Rockefeller is gradually
vesting his interests in the Standard
Oil is that of his son, John D. Rocke-
efeller, Jr., is being trained as a railroad
manager rather than an expert in oil.

It is believed that the elder Rockefeller
has impressed upon him the fact that
the time will come when mineral oil will
no longer be a safe foundation for his
fortune.

Since the gradual drop in Standard Oil
stocks began its market value has shrunk
over \$12,000,000. Mr. Rockefeller's loss
from this shrinkage is in excess of \$27,
000,000.

The entire capitalization of the trust
may be placed at about \$200,000,000, of
which John D. Rockefeller owns about
\$80,000,000.

At intervals it has been rumored that
he would retire from the oil trust, pos-
sibly on account of fear of the future of
the oil industry. This is scarcely an
imminent possibility, however, as his
profits from this source alone are more
than \$20,000,000 a year.

The entire failure of the Standard Oil
Trust would not hamper in the least the
forward progress of this colossal wealth
beyond the world's influence.

It would cut his income down to \$20,
000,000.

LOSS TO WORKMEN.

A PROMINENT LABOR LEADER
DISCUSSES AN ISSUE.

Gives His Own Experience as an Em-
ployee in the Railroad Shops—
Couldn't Afford to Be Sick.

Mr. A. C. Holmes, of Oronota, N. Y.,
an employee of the railroad shops at that
place, is well known in labor circles and
his own experience, recently related, de-
serves the attention of every workman
who has lost time and money on account
of sickness. Mr. Holmes said:

"Two years ago I had a severe attack
of grip which left me in a bad condition.
I was so weak that I frequently had to
lay off for two or three days at a time
during a period of four or five months.
I could not very well afford to do this
but there was no help for it—I simply
was not able to work. I lost flesh, got
nervous, had awful headaches and felt
worn out all the time.

"I had read of some remarkable cures
made by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for
Pale People in cases like mine and so
decided to try them. A few boxes helped
me and I think I took ten altogether.
They drove all traces of the disease out
of my system and made me feel like a
different man. I have told many of my
acquaintances about Dr. Williams' Pink
Pills and they have tried them for me."

After an attack of the grip there is
always left behind some troublesome
effects. Often these are worse than the
disease itself and seem to battle all ef-
forts of physicians. Health is shattered—
the blood becomes poor, the flesh falls
away, the sufferer grows nervous and
irritable, and even slight exertion causes
shortness of breath. These are dangerous
symptoms and indicate that the system is
in a state that invites pneumonia, bron-
chitis or even consumption. Dr. Williams' Pink
Pills for Pale People, however, will
not only quickly restore the health after
an attack of the grip and expel the in-
fernal germs but, working upon the
blood, will render the system proof
against the disease. In hundreds of cases
just as remarkable as that of Mr. Holmes
it has been shown that Dr. Williams' Pink
Pills have surely accomplished this result.

At all drug stores or sent postpaid, on
receipt of price, 50 cents a box; six boxes
for \$2.50, by Dr. Williams Medicine
Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

100,000 a year, which most men would
deem sufficient to keep the wolf from the
door.

In line with reports of the ultimate
failure of the oil wells, it is said that the
visible supply of petroleum in the United
States has not been so small in twenty
years as it is at the present time, and
that the trust holds a complete corner
on the market. It is in a position to put
the "screws" on the consumer if it de-
sires.

At the production of Kereene has
increased 50,000 barrels a day in the past
fifteen years. Recently the stock in hand
was only 8,000 barrels. Fifteen years
ago it was 200,000 barrels.

Here are some facts showing what the
failure of the petroleum fields would mean
to John D. Rockefeller.

He controls 20,000 miles of pipe lines,
and owns 200 big steamers and 40,000 oil
tanks.

Every year he handles 4,000,000 barrels,
and for foreign trade 4,000,000 cans hold-
ing five gallons each. He has 7,000 deliv-
ery wagons.

Andrew Carnegie, confessedly worth
\$200,000,000, says that John D. Rockefeller
is the "wealthiest man in the world."

He is, therefore, worth about \$250,000,000.
Ten millions, more or less, is a significant
figure.

At the present rate of increase in his
fortune, by the end of the next decade
John D. Rockefeller will present a spec-
tacle absolutely unique in human his-
tory—that of a billionaire.

But he is not merely the richest man
in the world. Every dollar of his wealth
spells power. There are other fortunes
comparable even with his though they
lack the power of the aggregate of his. But
there is no other fortune that confers
upon its owner such vast influence.

There is no other millionaire who so
completely controls the welfare of thou-
sands of his fellows, who has such power
to block the wheels of traffic, who can
at an instant's notice call such a mighty
force of organized wealth to back any
scheme he may have on hand. In short,
Rockefeller is the money czar of the age.

From his youth he would have no part
in any undertaking unless he was the
absolute master. The heaped up millions
of the Standard Oil are in the control of
him. The other eight men are controlled
by Rockefeller in making the plans of
the corporations.

It practically tests with him to say
what the producer of oil shall receive
for his product and what the user shall
pay for it. He can hold up the supply
altogether or he can flood the market
and put the price down to nothing. He
can procure the discharge of the hus-
band workman in the employ of the com-
pany, or he can raise the same man to
power and influence. But this is not all.
Seventy-five thousand people depend
upon him for a living. His weekly pay-
ments in wages amount to \$300,000.

The tragedy of a collapse in the oil in-
dustry would not fall upon Rockefeller,
but upon these employees. It would be
a national calamity, not a Rockefeller
failure.

With the millions he has gained from
Standard Oil John D. Rockefeller has ob-
tained absolute control of the gas and
electric lighting of New York. He controls
the production of glucose. He has in-
vested millions in boiler-making, rapid
transit and the Salt Trust.

He has a voice in the control of the
following roads: New York Central,
Northern Pacific, Delaware, Lackawanna
and Western, New York, New Haven and
Hartford, St. Paul, Missouri Pacific, Iowa
Mountain, Texas Pacific, Atchafalaya, Topeka
and Santa Fe, Southern Pacific, Rock
Island.

Through the Standard Oil Company he
has accomplished this in four decades.

In Self-Defense.

Idaho Springs, Colo., April 16.—The cor-
oner's jury this evening returned a ver-
dict to the effect that Rowe acted in
self-defense in killing Haddock. Deputy
District Attorney J. W. B. Smith im-
mediately filed an information against
Rowe, charging murder. Rowe is the
badly wounded man and is now
guarded at his home.

Must Be Official.

Rome, April 16.—To the invitation sent
by the St. Louis exposition authorities
to the Vatican to participate in the ex-
position, Cardinal Rampolla has replied
that it is, above all, indispensable that
the same procedure be followed as in
the case of the Chicago world's fair and
that the invitation come directly and
officially from the United States govern-
ment.

My Neighbor (proudly)—"My daughter
is learning the violin." Second Ditty (and
his)—"I hear."—Fun.

CLASSIFIED WANTS

FOR SALE—The only harness shop in
good town. Will rent building. Splendid
trade. A large stock of harness, saddles,
etc. Also general store; stock will in-
crease \$1,000. This town is growing rapidly.
Good hotel, barber shop, shoe repair
and laundry. Address: Hickory &
Schaefer, Carmen, Woods Co.,
121-122.

FOR SALE—Best rooming house in
Wichita, 10 rooms; always crowded.
Will bear inspection; 130 North Main.
120-121.

FOR SALE—Hotel, or will trade for farm,
corner of Twelfth and Guy, two blocks
east of Twelfth and Guy, two blocks
east of creek and north of Tenth.
120-121.

FOR SALE—P. O. News Stand; price,
\$500; sales last year, \$200; rent per
year, \$55. Postoffice furnishes light and
heat free. Good reasons for selling—
other business. C. H. Muselman, New-
York, N. Y. 121-122.

BUSINESS CHANCES—An established
Cereal Food company desires the ser-
vices of a branch office manager; com-
petent, energetic, with good references
and a life-time for right party. Ad-
dress: "Cereal," Box 284, Battle
Creek, Mich. 121-122.

FOR SALE—Three rooming houses, two
board and rooming houses; will
take some real estate on one. W. B.
Lowe, room 12 or 14, 14 N. Main.
121-122.

FOR SALE—A good store; good location;
good reasons for selling. Address: "O."
T. C. Engle. 121-122.

FOR SALE—Fixtures of 35-room hotel
and lease. Rent reasonable; fine loca-
tion; good business; good reasons for
selling. Must sell on account of sickness. Goes
cheap at \$50. A snap for right party.
City for particulars. 121-122.

WANTED—Two women to work at hotel
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WANTED—An experienced girl. Mrs. H.
Samuels, 722 N. Lawrence. 121-122.

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J. O. Davidson, Riverside. 121-122.

WANTED—Solicitors, ladies or gentle-
men; experience unnecessary. Call room
21, Sheets building. 121-122.

MALE HELP WANTED—Lady to call
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facturing house; local territory; salary,
\$25.00 and weekly; with all expenses ad-
vanced; previous experience necessary;
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130 Caxton Bldg., Chicago. 121-122.

WANTED—Woman, at 35 N. Main,
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Inquire 125 N. Lawrence avenue. 121-122.

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Eagle. 121-122.

WANTED—To rent a good, large riding
saddle. Call at Eagle office. 121-122.

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS.
FOR SALE—Machinery, today, at No. 20
West Douglas avenue, at 11 o'clock.
Big black mare, Hambletonian, weight
1,200 lbs., good for harness and road
work. Also a good horse and harness,
and a good assortment of household goods
and farm implements. Extension ladder.
J. A. Benner, Auctioneer. 121-122.

FOR SALE—Good platform spring wagon,
\$500; one seat horse, \$200; one 1-horse
steel range, \$25.00; one 1-horse
Schroeder & Matthews. 215 N. Main.
121-122.

FOR SALE—Forty sets high grade horse-
made single and double buggy harness,
all made by hand. These harness
were made by myself and are first class.
Special price to dealer that can use the
lot. Frank Peck, 111 N. Main street,
Wichita, Kan. 121-122.

FOR SALE—Good dirt for parking, in-
quire at Mahan Supply Co. 121-122.

FOR SALE—We have about 25 loads of
good ground horse alfalfa for sale by
the wagon load. J. H. Turner, 25-41
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FOR SALE—All grades of baled hay, at
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in the city to select from. J. H. Turner,
25-41 Douglas. 121-122.

FOR SALE—Good, strong bicycle, \$50.
J. Spencer, 10 S. Market street. 121-122.

FOR SALE—Seed corn; Golden Beauty
and Sunflower, 50c a bushel. West Side
Mill and Elevator. 121-122.

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Pechin, 22 N. Main. 121-122.